

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Michael R. Ohran)
Serial No.: 09/892,161)
Confirmation No.: 4716)
Filed: June 26, 2001)
For: MIRRORING NETWORK DATA TO ESTABLISH)
VIRTUAL STORAGE AREA NETWORK)
Examiner: Ella Colbert)
Customer No.: 022913)

Art Unit
3624TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is our response to the Office communication regarding Response to Applicant's Amendment dated November 30, 2004 in the above-entitled matter. Enclosed please find the Amendment "A: and Response ("Amendment") reproduced exactly as originally filed on August 26, 2004, except as corrected in the Serial Number referenced in the upper left corner of each of pages 2 through 29 to consistently read as "09/892/161." Also enclosed is a copy of the November 30, 2004 Office communication.

As the Amendment has now been corrected and filed within the 30 days provided under the aforementioned Office communication, Applicant submits that the Amendment should receive the benefit of the date of deposit in the USPTO, namely August 26, 2004, and, therefore, this matter will avoid abandonment.

Dated this 9TH day of December, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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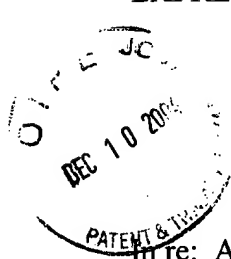
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.



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I hereby certify that on this 10th day of December, 2004, the following documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to:

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